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## SUPT. CHAS. D. GEORGE MAKES STATEMENT

In Regard to Special Tax Levy  
Alamogordo Low

## WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF OUR SCHOOLS

I have been asked for a statement regarding the Special Tax Levy. I do not see how it will be possible to have more than THREE months of school next year unless we vote the extra levy. It has been the policy in the past to let the bank carry the warrants and pay 6 per cent on them, until such time that funds are available to pay for them. This money paid as interest on such warrants is wasted. It will be much better to pay an extra levy the coming year and have money on hand to meet these warrants when given. I have letters from eight city superintendents giving the school levy in their districts. By comparing these figures you will see that we pay a small school tax. Tucumcari 18 mills, Santa Fe 13 1/2 mills, Clovis 12 1/2 mills, Roswell 18 mills, Albuquerque 15 mills, Las Vegas 12 mills, Silver City 15 mills, Alamogordo 10 mills, Deming 10 mills. You will see that all schools referred to except one pay a larger tax than we do. Our tax levy would run the school if every one paid the tax on time, but you all know that many let their taxes become delinquent. A few hundred dollars spent on improvements would save eleven or twelve dollars on water bills per month.

It is to be hoped that the special levy asked for by the Board of Education will be voted. The improvements can then be made and the money will be on hand to pay for warrants and save the interest.

Since Christmas we have lost so many children by moving away, that the schools can be run with less teachers another year. It is the policy to collect a tuition fee on all children who do not reside in the district. Pupils must be enumerated or be actual residents, or they will be asked to pay tuition next school year. Since writing to the Territorial Superintendent, I am sure that Alamogordo has been admitting too large a per cent of pupils free, that should have paid a tuition fee. It was necessary this year to have our number of teachers, for before Xmas we had an average of 46 pupils per room. This is as many as one teacher can handle to advantage. It will be my policy to recommend a less number whenever possible to do so.

We have a much larger per cent of our children in school, than other schools. Comparisons made for the month of December 1910.

According to the State Superintendent report we had 78 per cent of our enumeration in school. Artesia 62 per cent, Carlsbad 47, Las Vegas 45, Las Cruces 44, Santa Fe 23. The above table shows the per cent of pupils in the public schools for the month of December according to the last enumeration. I am sure that all of our citizens are proud that we have a large per cent of our school children in school. We have one that will

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## NEW GRAZING REGULATIONS ARE APPROVED

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Likes the Revised Form

## YEARLONG SHEEP RATE 30 PER CENT OF CATTLE

Washington, March 27.—The Secretary of Agriculture has approved a revised form of the grazing regulations which govern use of the National Forest ranges. In the opinion of the Department officers, the most important departures from the old regulations are found, first, in the fact that provision is made for recognition of a permanent National advisory board representing the sheep and cattle interests, which will confer annually with the Secretary of Agriculture concerning grazing matters; and secondly, in the laying down of a rule that Forests where the quality of range and advantages for raising cattle and sheep are equal, the yearlong rate for sheep after the season of 1911 will be thirty per cent of the yearlong for cattle.

The new regulations have been made the subject of extended and most careful consideration and are promulgated at the present time as the result of a general revision made of all regulations governing the use of the National Forests. Before deciding on the grazing regulations, Secretary Wilson invited representatives of the two great National organizations of stockmen, the National Wool Growers' Association and the American National Live Stock Association, to present their views to him on grazing matters, and to make any suggestions which they might wish to offer concerning the proposed regulations.

The proposed regulations, as they had been drafted by the Forest Service, were submitted to delegates of the two associations who came to Washington in response of Secretary Wilson's invitation. This action on the part of Secretary Wilson is declared to be in accordance with the established policy of the Forest Service in seeking co-operation with organized bodies of stockmen who make use of the National Forest range. Secretary Wilson recognizes that the one and one-half million cattle and seven and one-half million sheep which are annually grazed on the Forests bear an important relation to the price of beef and mutton in this country, and that the public need of increased food supplies no less than the best interests of stock industry call for careful methods of regulation to promote the full use of the grazing resource. In his view, co-operation with the advisory boards of local livestock associations has contributed materially to the adjustment of range problems in a way satisfactory both to the livestock men and to his Department.

Regulated grazing on the National Forests seeks not only to make available, to the fullest degree consistent with proper protection of the range itself and of forest growth and streamflow conditions, the annual forage crop, but also to allot the privilege equitably. By giving the stockmen themselves a chance

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## LOCAL BAPTIST COLLEGE LIABLE TO CHANGE HANDS

Home Board of Southern Baptist Convention May Buy

## Would Then Be Placed on a Sound Basis and Considerably Improved

It is due, the good people of Alamogordo who have unflinchingly and unstintingly given of their means and moral support in behalf of this struggling Baptist school to make a frank statement of its present conditions.

Due to a well defined plan on the part of those who have supported the Northern Baptist Convention in New Mexico, this struggling Baptist school was kicked out from under the fostering care of the old New Mexico Baptist Convention when this convention met at Las Vegas in December, 1909, the convention refusing to pay and repudiating the obligations of a current indebtedness amounting to some \$1200.

Following this inexcusable action on the part of the old New Mexico Baptist Convention, the college was thrown upon its own resources and made appeal to the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga. The appeal was heard, the Atlanta Board agreeing, in substance, to assist the trustees and local friends of the school in Alamogordo to clear away all the current indebtedness on the school, also to keep interest paid on the mortgage notes, said notes amounting to \$4500.00, and to give the local trustee, \$1000 additional toward this year's current expenses, with a view of ultimately taking over the college, incorporating it in their system of Mountain Schools, equipping it, maintaining and endowing it and making it worthy not only of the people of Alamogordo, but of New Mexico, etc.

With this understanding, Rev. S. B. Callaway, Rev. W. J. Pace and others made a campaign in Alamogordo and raised in good subscriptions some \$1,325.00 to take care of this current indebtedness, to which the Atlanta Board agreed to add some \$250.00 when these local subscriptions had been paid in, in order to fully cover all outstanding indebtedness and also help the local trustees to be able to meet the interest on the mortgage notes. It did look as if, for one time, Alamogordo College was in a good way to be put on an absolutely safe basis. Then three things happened which have gone far to undo all our plans: First, Rev. S. B. Callaway moved away to Clovis and left the matter of collecting these subscriptions in the hands of Rev. W. J. Pace, financial agent of the College, who in turn was taken down sick and for a good while could do nothing. Then, upon getting up again, he found the pressure of money matters so great that it was well nigh impossible to collect the local subscriptions of the people of Alamogordo. February the 8th, 1911, rolled round, and the Financial Agent of the college, Rev. W. J. Pace, did not have sufficient funds with which to pay \$350.00 interest due on one of the mortgage notes. Now, under the terms of this mortgage, a failure to pay the interest on either of these

mortgage notes (one is for \$1000.00 due September 14, 1913, and the other is for \$3,500.00, due February 8th, 1914,) makes both the principal and interest of said note become due and payable at once. As soon, therefore, as the holder of these notes was apprised of the failure on the part of the trustees to pay the interest on the \$3,500.00, note he ordered his attorney Mr. J. L. Lawson, of this city, to start execution proceedings. These proceedings were started, though they have been held up some days pending an effort to raise both principal and interest of the \$3,500.00 note and mortgage, the holder being absolutely unwilling to accept interest and court costs to date and stop proceedings. These few days of grace, granted by the kindness of Mr. Lawson, have been spent in the futile effort to raise the entire \$3,500.00 and interest,—it is absolutely impossible in this short time to raise such a sum. The trustees are therefore powerless to prevent or stay longer execution proceedings. The property will be advertised for sale according to law, which will give the trustees some 90 days in which to save, if possible, its sale.

We are justified in saying that while it may take 90 days or even longer to make the proper arrangements, there is no real likelihood of the property passing entirely out of the hands of the Baptist people. On the contrary, we have good reason for believing that the costly and regrettable execution proceedings which are now going on and which looks to the sale of at least \$25,000.00 worth of property for a failure to pay promptly \$350.00 interest, will in the end only hasten the transfer of the College to the Atlanta Board. And the moment such transfer is made the Alamogordo people shall know it. For in this instance, there can be absolutely no further question as to the future of the school.

We are asked to express in behalf of the trustees, their deep regret that their failure to pay, until three or four days after it was due, the \$350.00 interest already spoken of, should have entailed such court costs and brought such a loss of standing as the advertisement of its sale will inevitably bring upon the school. And they desire to assure the public that no such mismanagement will ever occur again and that they hope within 30 to 60 days to announce the transfer of the college as above outlined. Meanwhile, pending present negotiations, school will go right on.

E. P. ALLDREDGE,  
Cor. Sec. Baptist General Convention, N. M.  
A. C. MILLER, Pastor  
Alamogordo Baptist Church.  
Committee.

The Chorus Class will give you the best numbers they have ever rendered. Hear their part songs and note the progress these boys and girls have made in the short time they have been studying music.

## INSIDE INFORMATION FROM SEAT THE OF WAR

Resident of Mexico Thinks Japan Wants Lower California

## JAPAN COLONISTS MAY BE EX-SOLDIERS

Below we print portions of a letter received by a resident of Alamogordo, from an interior town in Mexico. The writer gives his views as to Uncle Sam's reason for mobilizing his troops on the Mexican border. The letter is interesting.

"I presume you have read the reports regarding the broil in this state and I again hasten to tell you not to be uneasy about us. Railway has been torn up both north and south of us and more than likely 'twill be torn up again. There may be days or even weeks when you will not hear from us, nor us from you. But don't get alarmed for we are in a little sleepy town and in no danger.

You may soon read of a scrap, for I firmly believe it is soon to happen. But don't get alarmed for our safety; we are 12 miles away and not "Butting in."

To tell you the truth, we today ate beef which was killed by the revolutionary party. They sent us about ten pounds of nice juicy tenderloin. This is the only trouble I expect from their side. I expect no trouble from either side as long as Uncle Sam don't "Butt in," and Uncle Sam must not intervene unless it be against a foreign foe, or till one side or the other commences making trouble for foreigners to such an extent that intervention is absolutely assential. I see no cause yet for Uncle Sam to intervene. This is not his scrap and might would not be right should he butt in.

Like you, I believe that Japan, is the cause of the big troop movement. There is a colony of 6000 Japaze just across the gulf of California from this coast. There is a Japanese man of war in Mazatlan, and Japan wants Lower California.

Lower California has declared her independence from Mexico. Japanese soldiers are in the rebels' ranks. The Japanese colonists are doing military drill and kindly take note that these colonists are ex-soldiers of Japan and all of them are either drawing a pension or salary or a something along that line.

Rumors are flying thick and fast along this coast. Some say there are 1200 rebels near Mazatlan, and 800 near Culiacan and that bands of 50 to 200 are roaming the foothills near by and gathering arms and supplies. I don't know how true it is for I am staying close to home and keeping quiet. All I know is that I was presented with a nice juicy piece of beef by the insurgents and courteously requested to accept it.

Should you desire or should the Alamo paper desire to print this letter you may do so for there is nothing amiss in letting home folks know the sentiments of the various Americans in Mexico.

We would like to close out our Dressers before the new ones arrive, At OLIVER'S

After looking every-where else then go get it, At OLIVER'S

## PATENTS RECEIVED NOW IN 60 DAYS--NOT 2 YEARS

Land Office is Catching up With Rush of Work

## ALAMOGORDO PEOPLE ALLOWED ENTRIES

The following Alamogordo citizens have filed homestead entries and the same were allowed at the land office at Las Cruces: Minor C. Forest, of Alamogordo, east half of northeast quarter section 34, township 15, south of range 10 east, containing 80 acres.

During the past week, patents have been issued to:

Simeon T. Bowden, of Alamogordo, on homestead entry for northwest quarter section 3, township 17, south of range 9 east, containing 159.50 acres.

James B. Steward, of Alamogordo, on homestead entry for southeast quarter section 3, township 16, south of range 9 east, containing 160 acres.

William Hyde, of Alamogordo, on homestead entry for northwest quarter of section 5, township 17, south of range 9 east, containing 160 acres.

Where formerly it required from one to two years from the filing in the local United States land office of final proof on homestead entries before a patent was received from the United States government, at present these patents are being received in 60 days from the time of the filing of the final proof. This is because the general land office at Washington has caught up with the mass of filing in that office.

## Teachers' Meeting

The teachers' meeting was a grand success. The attendance was the best ever and the program with but two exceptions, was carried out in full as given in the News. The interest was very keen and much good work resulted. Every paper was well presented and proved very valuable to those who heard it.

Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, president of the New Mexico Normal University, was present and spoke at 11:00 a. m. and again at 3:00 p. m. His presence and remarks were most highly enjoyed by the teachers. His address in the evening on "The making of a man," was also appreciated and listened to most earnestly.

## A Fine Wall Hanger

The News acknowledges with thanks, receipt of a very handy and valuable wall map of New Mexico, on which is also considerable information worth knowing concerning the territory. On one corner is President Taft's likeness followed by the previous president; in the opposite corner Governor Mills' picture, followed by the territory's previous governors.

In the bottom left hand corner is the New Mexico Normal University at Las Vegas and in the opposite corner the Girls' dormitory. In the center at the bottom is the class of 1910.

The map was given to us by Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, president of the New Mexico Normal University, when he was here last week, and has been given a prominent place on our sanctum walls.

Our fancy line of Queens-ware is expected every day, At OLIVER'S